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VIA EXPRESS MAIL NO. EU828073490US

Re: Serial No. 09/990,611
Application for ASCORBIC ACID COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR
TREATMENT OF AGING OR DAMAGED SKIN
Filing Date: November 21, 2001
Our File No.: 0121753.01005

Dear Sir:

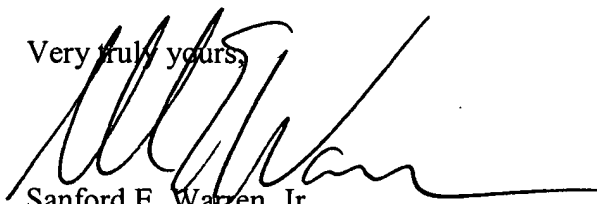
Enclosed for filing please find the following items relating to the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Response to Office Action;
- (2) Check for \$465.00 for 3-month extension;
- (3) Return post card; and
- (4) Express Mail No. EU828073490US.

Please file the Response and return the date-stamped post card to the address indicated.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this application, please call the undersigned at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Lorraine Faxon Meisner

Serial No. 09/990,611

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For: Compositions and Methods for the
Treatment of Skin

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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed November 19, 2002, a response was due on February 19, 2003. Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time and has enclosed a check in the amount of \$465.00 for an extension for response within the third month for a small entity. Applicant therefore submits that this response is timely filed on May 02, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 11, 18, 19, 24 and 26 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A topical composition comprising:

at least about 5.0% (w/v) ascorbic acid; and

water, wherein the composition has a pH of more than 3.5.

11. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, further comprising about 0.5% to about 5%

(w/v) of a non-toxic zinc salt.

18. (Amended) A topical composition comprising:

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